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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CLOSING SESSION

1. AT THE FINAL SESSIONS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, THE
HRC TOOK ACTION ON ALL OF THE REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.

2. THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT
YEAR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

-- AGENDA ITEM 14, THE ROLE OF YOUTH.

-- AGENDA ITEM 16, PERIODIC REPORTS ON FREEDOM
OF INFORMATION.

-- AGENDA ITEM 17, WAYS AND MEANS OF ENSURING
IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON APARTHEID,
RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING THE DECADE.

-- AGENDA ITEM 21, QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL
PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
NOT CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY LIVE.

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-- AGENDA ITEM 23, QUESTION OF MEASURES AGAINST
TERROR.

-- AGENDA ITEM 24, ADVISORY SERVICES.

-- AGENDA ITEM 25, COMMUNICATIONS.

3. THE COMMISSION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ON
AGENDA ITEMS 19, 8, 15, 20, 22 AND 13:

(A) AGENDA ITEM 19, REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMISSION:

THE COMMISSION ENGAGED IN A BRIEF DEBATE ON THE REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMISSION BUT DID NOT CONSIDER OR ADOPT ANY OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT. THUS, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE SUBCOMMISSION RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO UGANDA, ARGENTINA OR REVIEW OF THE 1503 PROCEDURES. THE DEBATE INCLUDED SHARP STATEMENTS BY THE DELEGATE OF URUGUAY AND THE OBSERVER DELEGATION OF ARGENTINA IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENTS BY ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN EXILES SPEAKING IN THE NAME OF NGOS. THE COMMISSION COMPLETED ACTION ON THE REPORT BY SIMPLY TAKING NOTE AND FORWARDING IT TO ECOSOC. AT AN EARLIER SESSION THE COMMISSION ELECTED TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMISSION TO REPLACE VAN BOVEN OF THE NETHERLANDS AND CAPOTORTI OF ITALY. NEW MEMBERS ARE MARC SCHREIBER OF BELGIUM, RETIRING DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ANTONIO CASSESE OF ITALY. THE ELECTION WAS UNCONTESTED AS ALL OTHER CANDIDATURES HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

(B) AGENDA ITEM 8, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPEMENTS: THE COMMISSION ADOPTED TWO RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP, ONE SPONSORED BY THE UK ON THE QUESTION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROTECTION OF PERSONS DETAINED ON THE GROUNDS OF MENTAL ILL-HEALTH, AND ANOTHER SPONSORED BY BYELORUSSIAN SSR SIMILAR TO RES. 31/128 OF THE 31ST GA ON THE DECLARATION ON THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS. BOTH RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE, WITH RESERVATIONS ON THE BYELORUSSIAN RESOLUTION EXPRESSED BY THE US, UK AND SWEDEN. PASSAGE OF THE UK RESOLUTION ON PERSONS DETAINED ON THE GROUNDS OF MENTAL ILL-HEALTH WAS A MATTER OF SOME SURPRISE AND DUE NO DOUBT TO THE UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF ATTENTION AT THIS SESSION TO PROBLEMS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND UNWILLINGNESS OF THE USSR TO RAISE OBJECTIONS TO THIS SUBJECT AND THEREFORE SINGLE ITSELF OUT AS THE GUILTY PARTY.

(C) AGENDA ITEM 15, RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE: THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP WHICH INCLUDED A NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 6, REPRESENTING THE TOTAL ACCOMPLISHMENT ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION AT THIS SESSION. THE COMMISSION ALSO

ADOPTED A DRAFT RESOLUTION DECIDING TO CONTINUE WORK ON
THE DRAFT DECLARATION AT THE 34TH SESSION.

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(D) AGENDA ITEM 20, EXPLOITATION OF LABOR
THROUGH ILLICIT TRAFFICKING: THE COMMISSION ADOPTED
THE RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY FRG, US AND URUGUAY.
AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE DELEGATION OF ITALY AND CALLING
ATTENTION TO SEVERAL ILO CONVENTIONS WILL BE TRANSMITTED
ALONG WITH THE REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE 62ND
ECOSOC.

(E) AGENDA ITEM 22, STUDY OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST PERSONS BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK: THE WORKING GROUP
PROPOSED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE DRAFT PRINCIPLES
ON EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS
BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK AND FORWARD THEM TO ECOSOC FOR
CONSIDERATION. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE US,
UK, SWEDEN, STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO
APPROVE OR ENDORSE THE DRAFT PRINCIPLES PRIOR TO CAREFUL
STUDY BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS. THE COMMISSION, THEREFORE,
DECIDED TO ACCEPT, IN PRINCIPLE, THE DRAFT PRINCIPLES
AND FORWARD THEM TO ECOSOC FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

(F) AGENDA ITEM 13, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT
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OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID: THE COMMISSION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY YUGOSLAVIA ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION, WHICH INCLUDES SETTING UP A GROUP OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IX OF THE CONVENTION, TO CONSIDER REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES AND ALSO REQUESTS UN ORGANS TO PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR PREPARATION OF THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES ALLEGED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES ENUMERATED IN THE CONVENTION. THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION WAS 23-3 (US, UK, CANADA) - 5 (TURKEY, FRG, ITALY, AUSTRIA, SWEDEN). FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT HE COULD APPOINT TWO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, CUBA AND SYRIA, BUT THAT THE THIRD MEMBER TO BE CHOSEN FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP WOULD BE APPOINTED AT A LATER DATE. EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE INCLUDED THE US, UK AND CANADA, POINTING OUT LEGAL RESERVATIONS ON THE CONVENTION. THE US AND UK ALSO STATED OBJECTIONS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THREE-MEMBER COMMISSION. BYELORUSSIAN SSR, AFTER HEARING THE SECRETARIAT STATEMENT ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED IN SETTING UP THE GROUP, EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OR SECRETARIAT EXPENSES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION, STATING THAT NO ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAT POSITIONS WERE JUSTIFIED TO CARRY OUT THE ACTIONS CALLED FOR IN THE RESOLUTION.

4. THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 34TH SESSION, WHICH INCLUDES NO NEW SUBJECTS, WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. CATTO

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